

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for constructing ~~the~~ a strip foundation in a trench with a longitudinal socket groove intended for receiving and supporting walls assembled of load-bearing panels ~~characterized in that the longitudinal socket groove is formed of,~~ said method comprising the steps of

forming a plurality of pre-cast socket elements (3) to be temporarily hanged over the trench ~~(8)~~, around ~~the~~ a perimeter of ~~the~~ a building layout, ~~upon~~ holding/levelling

adjusting and levelling the elements in the trench by holding/levelling devices ~~(5)~~ until being finally adjusted and levelled ~~by the same devices, and~~

subsequently ~~poured by~~ pouring fresh concrete in the trench to form ~~the~~ a strip footing ~~(4)~~ into which ~~the~~ only a portion of said elements ~~(3)~~ are incorporated through a projecting reinforcement (3.3) of the elements.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A pre-cast socket elements ~~(3)~~, according to the claim 1, ~~as an essential~~ comprising

a part of a strip foundation with having a longitudinal socket groove  
characterized in that the socket groove element (3) comprises with two pairs of round  
inner holes (3.1) and two pairs of rectangular outer holes (3.2) serving the purpose of  
for re-rigging from crane slings to holding/levelling devices (5).

3. (Currently Amended) The A holding/levelling device (5), according to the  
claim 1, characterized in that comprising

a the main truss-girder (5.1) with extendable ends (5.2), leaned said extendable  
ends leaning against saddles (6.5) located on top of a pair of adjustable supports (6)  
comprising including hydraulic lifting presses (6.1) placed within the a steel housing  
(6.2) with, an enlarged basis (6.3) supporting the housing, enabled enabling the  
housing to slide in two horizontal perpendicular directions, leaned against the on a  
support pad (6.4) whereby, and

two a rectangular cross-shaped horizontal bolts (7) are bolt extending below  
the truss-girder and in a same general direction as the truss-girder and hanged upon  
two vertical rods (5.3) pulled extending vertically through respective holes of the  
main truss-girder (5.1) and spaced symmetrically about the a midspan of the main  
truss-girder, whereby the an adjustable length (5.3) of both vertical rods (5.3)  
between the a top of the truss-girder (5.1) and the horizontal bolt (7) is being fixed by  
two nuts (5.4).